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In re Patent Application No. 30-538

MATULA

Serial No. 09/763,229

Filed: February 20, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRETREATING PAPER PULP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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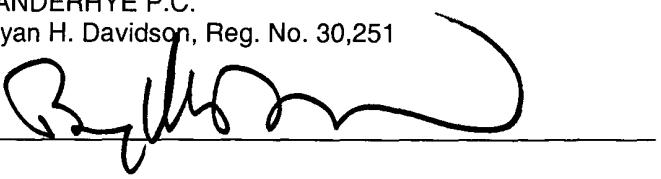
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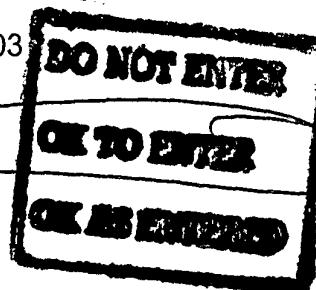
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRETREATING
PAPER PULP**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 1, 2002, petition being hereby made for an extension of time of three (3) months, up to and including, January 1, 2003 (New Year's Day Holiday), please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 19, and further amend the pending claims herein as follows:¹

1. (Twice Amended) A method of pretreating paper pulp, in which method paper pulp, either totally or at least the main part of it, is fed by means of a gas separation tank feed pump (12, 120) into a gas separation tank (16) and from there by means of a fan pump

¹ Pursuant to Rule 121(c), a marked-up version of the amended claims appears in Appendix I hereto and shows all changes by underlining added language and bracketing deleted language.